TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

FISCAL NOTE



SB 1658

February 3, 2014

SUMMARY OF BILL: Extends the statute of limitations for trafficking for commercial sex acts, promoting prostitution, patronizing prostitution, and soliciting sexual exploitation of a minor to 25 years after the victim becomes 18 years of age.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Currently, the statute of limitations for trafficking for commercial sex acts and soliciting sexual exploitation of a minor is 15 years; the statute of limitations for promoting prostitution and patronizing prostitution is 10 years. The proposed legislation would increase these statutes of limitation to 25 years from the date the victim/child reaches the age of 18.
- In 2013, the General Assembly enacted Public Chapter 416 which extended these statutes of limitations to 10 and 15 years. The Fiscal Note for that law assumed a five percent increase in admissions. It is assumed that increasing the statutes of limitation from 10 and 15 years to 25 years will not have a significant impact on current admissions for trafficking for commercial sex acts, promoting prostitution, patronizing prostitution, and soliciting sexual exploitation of a minor.
- Any increase in caseloads for the District Public Defenders Conference or the District Attorneys General Conference can be accommodated within existing resources without an increased appropriation or reduced reversion.
- Any impact to the caseloads of state trial courts can be accommodated within existing judicial resources without an increase appropriation or reduced reversion.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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